Eggs.

59. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of eggs exported from the State during the year; and

(*b*) the current price per egg in Trivandrum, Kottayam and Nagercoil?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*a*) The number of eggs exported during the first ten months of 1118 is about 276 lakhs.

(*b*) The current price per egg in Trivandrum, Kottayam and Nagercoil is given below:—

Trivandrum	2 chs. to 2½ chs.
Kottayam	2½ chs. to 3 chs.
Nagercoil	2 chs. to 2¼ chs.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I ask whether Government will be pleased to prohibit the export of eggs?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The number of eggs exported this year does not so far exceed the number exported last year. If it is necessary at any time, Government will consider the question of prohibiting export.

PRESIDENT: The trouble arises in this way: we are having import and export restrictions on a very large number of articles and merchants are complaining that such restrictions are interfering with the normal course of trade. If there is any sign of abnormality in regard to the export of eggs, Government will act without hesitation.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: What was the price of an egg in Trivandrum, before the war?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It ranged from half chuckram to one chuckram. Since the anwser to this question was sent up, price has come down.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know why the rate has gone up? Is it due to the allowing of export?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It is due to many causes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that there is widespread disease in poultry resulting in lower production of eggs? Can this not be one of the causes?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: That must also be one of the reasons. But I am not aware of the extent of the disease.

Lift Irrigation scheme in the Vaikom taluk.

60. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received from the public any representation to the effect that investigations be made *re*: the practicability of lift irrigation scheme in Vaikom taluk and surrounding areas; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary investigation has been conducted. The scheme can be taken up only when materials become available for the extension of the electric line from Pallom.

Bridge at Arattukadavu.

61 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the estimated amount for the construction of a bridge at Arattukadavu in Mavelikara on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla Road ;

(*b*) whether any provision had been made in the budget of the last five years for the construction of the bridge ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not doing so ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Rs. 1,02,600.

(*b*) Provision was made in 1114 and 1115.

(*c*) As it was considered that this bridge could be taken up only after the completion of Kollakadavu bridge, no provision was made in the budget for the years 1116, 1117 or 1118.

Chirakulam drainage channel.

62 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chirakulam drainage channel is left incomplete near the Vanchiyoor-Rishimangalam crossing ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No work on the channel in question has been taken up. Poramboke limits of the channel are being ascertained preliminary to preparing an estimate for improvements.

Lands assigned under the new Agricultural Development Scheme.

63 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of wet and dry lands were assigned in auction to the public in the State, by the Forest Department under the new Agricultural Development Scheme ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*) : 2,966 acres.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ ഇനത്തിൽ ആകെ കൊടുത്ത ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം നഷ്ടകിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു കാണുന്നു. ഇതിൽ കരനിലങ്ങളെത്ര യാണെന്നും ചതുപ്പുനിലങ്ങൾ എത്രയാണെന്നും പറയാൻ മനസ്സുണ്ടാ കുമോ ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : ചതുപ്പു നിലങ്ങൾ ൨൦൫ ഏക്കർ, കരനിലം ൪൫൦ ഏക്കർ, റീഡ് ഏറിയാ ൩൪൬, ഗ്രാസ് ലാൻഡ് ൩൩൫.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം കൃഷി ഇറക്കി യിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

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